

Miller, D.R., Farm, House
Antietam National Battlefield
Sharpsburg Vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Hagerstown Pike, one and one-half miles North of Sharpsburg, Sharpsburg Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: The D.R. Miller house is significant both as an example of a vernacular farm dwelling and due to its association with the civil War Battle of Antietam

Description: The house is an "L" shaped, two-story, four-bay frame structure with a side-gabled roof. Like many houses in this region, this dwelling sits on a stone foundation. Its two exterior chimneys are situated in the gable end of the main block. The main entrance, located on the south end of the front elevation has a small Greek Revival porch typical to the region. Six-over-six-light sash windows are symmetrically placed in both sections of the house.

The barn also rests on a stone foundation and is situated on sloping ground. It has a side-gabled roof with a shed area added to the back.

History: The D.R. Miller house is a typical vernacular farm dwelling. Its "L" shape, two-story frame, and side-gable roof construction are repeated in other homes throughout the Sharpsburg vicinity. The house appears to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century and was known to have existed during the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

During the Battle, the D.R. Miller house was the nearest hospital to the intense fighting in the cornfield. The old spring house, in the hollow south of the house, furnished water to both armies.

Source: Antietam National Battlefield Site, National Register of Historic Places nomination form, 1981.

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